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OF THE
CLERGY AND LAY-DELEGATES,
WHO ATTENDED THE CONVENTION OF 1820.

CLERGY.

- The Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D.* Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of South-Carolina.
The Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D. Assistant Minister of St. Michael's Church.
The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D. Rector of St. Philip's Church.
The Rev. Allston Gibbes, Assistant Minister of St. Philip's Church.
The Rev. Robert S. Symmes, Assistant Minister of St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough.
The Rev. Maurice H. Lance, Rector of Prince George, Winyaw.
The Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, Rector of St. John's, Berkley.
The Rev. Parker Adams, Rector of Claremont.
The Rev. Christian Hanckell, Rector of Trinity Church, Columbia.
The Rev. John B. Campbell, Rector of St. Helena, Beaufort.
The Rev. Philip Mathews, Rector of St. Helena's Church, on St. Helena Island.
The Rev. Albert A. Muller, Rector of Christ Church Parish.
The Rev. Francis P. Delavaux, Rector of St. Matthew's.
The Rev. William S. Wilson, Deacon, St. John's, Colleton.
The Rev. Henry Gibbes, Deacon, All-Saints, Waccamaw.
The Rev. David I. Campbell, St. Stephen's, Black Oak, and the Rocks.
The Rev. John W. Chanler, Deacon, St. Marks.
The Rev. Edward Rutledge, Deacon, St. Thomas and St. Dennis.
The Rev. Paul Trapier Gervais, St. John's, Colleton.

LAY-DELEGATES.

- St. Michael's Church, Charleston.*—David Alexander, Robert J. Turnbull, Robert Hazlehurst, William Read, M. D. Major John S. Cogdell, John Bay.
St. Philip's, Charleston.—Thomas Lowndes, Joseph Johnson, M. D. Colonel Henry H. Bacot, Thomas Corbett.

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St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough.—William Brisbane, Major Andrew Hasell.

Prince George, Winyaw.—Major Samuel Wragg, William Windham Trapier, Colonel Thomas Carr.

St. James', Santee.—Major Richard W. Vanderhorst, Frederick Rutledge.

St. Thomas and St. Dennis.—Alfred Huger, Francis D. Quash.

St. John's, Berkley.—Keating Simons, Isaac Ball.

Upper St. Mark's.—Colonel James B. Richardson, Charles Richardson.

Lower St. Mark's.—William C. Doughty.

Claremont.—Colonel Francis K. Huger.

Trinity Church, Columbia.—Hon. Theodore Gaillard, William Lance,

Christ Church.—William Hort.

Edisto Island.—Edward Mitchell, M. D.

Grace Church, Sullivan's Island.—Hon. Daniel E. Huger, Lewis L. Gibbs, Charles Kershaw.

St. Bartholomew's.—William Mason Smith.

St. Helena, on St. Helena Island.—Colonel John Jenkins, Isaac Fripp.

St. Matthews.—Major Elnathan Haskell.



The Rev. Milward Pogson, Rector of St. James', Goose-Creek, and the Rev. Joseph Morgan Gilbert, Deacon, officiating on Edisto Island, were entitled to seats in the Convention, but were not present at its Session.

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OF THE PROCEEDINGS, &c.

Charleston, Tuesday, February 15, 1820.

This being the day appointed by the Rules, for the Meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of South-Carolina, several of the Clergy and Lay-Delegates attended at St. Michael's Church, at half past 10 o'clock; when Divine Service was performed by the Rev. Maurice H. Lance, Rector of Prince George, Winyaw, and an appropriate Discourse delivered by the Rev. Christian Hanckell, Rector of Trinity Church, Columbia. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered by the Bishop, according to a Rule of the Convention.

After the religious services were over, the Right Rev. Bishop Bowen, took the Chair, *ex-officio*, and the Rev. Mr. Tschudy acted as Secretary.

The following Clergy attended, and the following Lay-Delegates presented Certificates of their appointment, which were read and approved:

St. Michael's.—The Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D. Rector, the Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D. Assistant Minister; David Alexander, Robert Hazlehurst, Robert J. Turnbull, John S. Cogdell, John Bay.

St. Philip's.—Thomas Lowndes, Joseph Johnson, M. D.

St. Paul's, Radcliffeborough.—The Rev. Robert S. Symmes, Assistant Minister; William Brisbane, Major Andrew Hasell.

Prince George, Winyaw.—The Rev. Maurice H. Lance, Rector; Major Samuel Wragg, William Windham Trapier.

St. James', Santee.—Maj. Rich'd W. Vanderhorst, Fred. Rutledge.

St. Thomas and St. Dennis.—Alfred Huger, Francis D. Quash.

St. John's Berkley.—The Rev John Jacob Tschudy, Rector; Keating Simons, Isaac Ball.

Upper St. Mark's.—Col. James B. Richardson, Charles Richardson.

Claremont.—The Rev Parker Adams, Rector; Col. Francis K. Huger.

Trinity Church, Columbia.—The Rev. Christian Hanckell, Rector; William Lance.

Edisto Island.—Edward Mitchell, M. D.

Grace Church.—Hon. Daniel Elliott Huger, Charles Kershaw.

St. Helena, Beaufort.—The Rev. John B. Campbell, Rector.

St. Helena Island.—The Rev. Philip Mathews, Rector.

St. John's, Colleton.—The Rev. William S. Wilson, Deacon.

All-Saints, Waccamaw.—The Rev. Henry Gibbes, Deacon.

St. Stephens, and the Churches at the Black Oak, and the Rocks.—The Rev. David I. Campbell, Deacon.

A Quorum being present, the Convention proceeded to the election of a Secretary and Treasurer, by ballot, when it appeared that the Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D. was elected.

On motion, of Mr. Turnbull, *Resolved*, that the Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in Charleston, who are not entitled to seats; and the Candidates for Holy Orders in this Church, be admitted to the sittings of the Convention.

Resolved, on motion of Mr. Brisbane, that the thanks of the Convention be given to the Rev. Mr. Hanckell, for his excellent discourse delivered before them this day, and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication.

On motion, of Mr. Huger, the thanks of the Convention were presented to the Rev. Mr. Tschudy, for his long and zealous services, as Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention of this Diocese.

The Hon. Judge Huger, one of the Delegates from Grace Church, Sullivan's Island, laid before the Convention the following proceedings of the Vestry and Wardens of that Church :

" At an Extra. Meeting of the Vestry and Wardens of Grace Church, Sullivan's Island, held on Sunday, 24th October, 1819.

" *Resolved*, that the following Charges be presented to the Bishop of the Diocese against the Rev. Mr. Muller, the Officiating Minister of this Church, by a Committee of this body ; with a request, that a regular judicial investigation according to the Canons of the Church, may be instituted, and the result of that investigation be communicated to this body.

CHARGES.

" **FIRST.**—That on Sullivan's Island, when an Officiating Minister of this Church, in the summer of 1818, or at some other time within the last three years, he, Mr. Muller, had violated the Seventh Commandment.

" **SECOND.**—That at sundry times, he, Mr. Muller, had been guilty of uttering that which he knew at the time to be false.

" *Resolved*, that the Bishop be informed by the said Committee, that the investigation, now required, was commenced at the request of Mr. Muller himself.

" *Resolved, further*, that the Committee be instructed to furnish the Bishop with the names of the Witnesses, who are understood to be able to prove the aforesaid Charges.

" *Resolved*, that Gen. Daniel E. Huger, and Lewis L. Gibbs, Esq. be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to carry into effect the foregoing Resolutions.

" At an Extra. Meeting of the Vestry and Wardens of Grace Church, Sullivan's Island, held on Sunday, 31st October, 1819.

" Whereas, it appears, that the mode of proceeding against a Minister, accused of viciousness of life, is before the Convention of this State, and not before the Bishop, as was supposed by this Vestry, at their last meeting.

" *Be it therefore Resolved*, that the Committee instructed to exhibit Charges against the Rev. Mr. Muller, before the Bishop, be, and they are hereby required, to exhibit the said Charges before the Convention of this State, at its next meeting ; and the said Committee are hereby further requested, to produce before the Convention, the evidence upon which the aforesaid Charges have been made.

" *Resolved*, that Mr. Muller be immediately informed of the foregoing Resolution, by the Secretary."

Whereupon, on motion of Judge Huger, the further consideration of these Charges was postponed to Thursday next.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Hanckell, *Resolved*, that a Committee of three be appointed to examine whether any, and what alterations are necessary in the rules for the government of the Convention, and report to-morrow.

Whereupon, the President appointed the Rev. Mr. Hanckell, Major Wragg, and Mr. Turnbull.

Agreeably to the 45th Canon of the General Convention, " providing for an accurate view of the state of the Church," the Right Rev. Bishop Bowen, delivered the following Address :—

My Brethren of the Clergy and of the Laity,

IT is made my duty by the 45th Canon of the General Convention, to address to you thus convened, a statement of the affairs of the Diocese, since the last annual meeting of our Churches. I must, therefore, request a suspension, for a few minutes, of your deliberative and other business, that I may perform this duty.

Since the last Convention, I have visited officially the Church on Edisto Island, St. Helena's Church, Beaufort, St. Matthew's Parish, Trinity Church, Columbia, Prince George's Parish, Winyaw, St. John's, Berkley, St. Mark's Church, Williamsburg, the Church at Pineville, St. Bartholomew's Church, Ashepoo, the Church on the Island of St. Helena, St. Andrew's Parish, Claremont Church, Stateburgh, All-Saints Parish, Waccamaw, and St. James', Santee. In the five first mentioned of these places, Confirmation was administered to small numbers of persons, whose deportment indicated a faithful preparation of them for this rite, by their ministers. Confirmation was administered also, in St. Michael's, St. Philip's, and St. Paul's Churches in this city, in the season of Lent.

In the month of June, the building which the active and exemplary zeal of my honoured predecessor, had, with the help of a few pious and liberal members of our Church, procured for a place of worship on Sullivan's Island, having been neatly fitted, and suitably furnished for that use, by further subscriptions, was, by desire of the Vestry, consecrated by the name and title of Grace Church, Sullivan's Island: Several of my Brethren of the city and neighborhood, being present and assisting.

The Parish Church of St. Matthew's Parish, recently erected on land given by Colonel Heatly for that purpose, in lieu of the original Parish Church, which it had become inconvenient on account of its remoteness from them, for most of the present inhabitants to attend, was consecrated also by request of the Vestry, by the designation of St. Matthew's Church, St. Matthew's Parish. A new and neatly finished building erected in the southern part of All-Saints' Parish, for the better accommodation of the inhabitants of that part of it, has likewise been recently consecrated.

Since our last meeting in Convention, the Rev. Mr. Adams, who had been invited to the charge of the Church at Claremont, before that period, has been canonically authorized to be received as the Rector of that Church. He is already the honoured instrument of much good to the Church in that portion of it. The Rev. Mr. Muller has resigned the charge of St. James' Parish, Santee, and accepted that of Christ Church. The Rev. Mr. De Lavaux, has become the Rector of St. Mathew's Parish, and the Rev. D. I. Campbell, and the Rev. J. W. Chanler, Deacons, have been appointed, the one to serve the Churches at Pineville, St. Stephens; and the Rocks and Black Oak Chapels, in St. John's, Berkley; the other, the United Churches of St. Marks, Williamsburg, and St. Marks, Clarendon. The Rev. H. Gibbes, Deacon, is serving the two Churches of All-Saints' Parish, Waccamaw; and the Rev. Mr. Wilson, also in Deacon's Orders, St. John's Church, John's Island. The Rev. F. Dalcho, has been elected Assistant Minister at St. Michael's Church, and the Rev. A. Gibbes at St. Philip's Church,

in this city. The Rev. Mr. Gilbert, from Connecticut, has been regularly received according to the provisions of the 31st Canon, as the Minister of the Church on Edisto, made vacant by the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Osborne. The Rev. Mr. Anthon, of Red Hook, in the state of New-York, who has made the climate of South-Carolina his resort, for the winter, with a view to the melioration of his health, is usefully officiating in St. Bartholomew's and St. Luke's Parishes; and it is the wish of the people of that portion of the Diocess, to be authorized by him to contemplate, more permanently, the enjoyment of the benefits of his ministry. The Vestry of the Parish of St. Thomas and St. Dennis, have invited the Rev. Mr. Rutledge, Deacon, to officiate in the Church and Chapel of that Parish, during the remainder of the Winter and in the Spring.

The only Ordinations which have taken place in this Diocess since our last meeting, are the following:—The Rev. Mr. Delavaux, has been ordained Priest, on a title from the Vestry of St. Matthew's Parish; and the Rev. Mr. Osborne, some time of Edisto, elected to the professorship of languages in the College of Cincinnati, in the state of Ohio, has been admitted to the same order of ministers.

Mr. W. S. Wilson, and Mr. Edward Rutledge, reported last year as candidates for the ministry, have been since admitted to Deacon's Orders, the first mentioned, at Philadelphia, the other in Connecticut, by letters dimissory from this Diocess. Mr. Edward Lippit also reported as a candidate for Orders, received as such, on the authority of letters dimissory from the Eastern Diocess, has since been in the same manner, transferred to that Diocess and ordained there. Mr. Edward Phillips, Mr. Edward H. Purcell, and Mr. W. H. Mitchell, natives of this city; Mr. Martin Snell of Rhode-Island, and Mr. Thomas H. Taylor, of Georgetown, S. C. have been received as candidates for Orders. Mr. Purcell has since withdrawn his name from this list, through an apprehension justified by medical opinions, that his health would not permit him to prosecute any plan of professional study.

The Rev. Dr. Percy vacated the Rectorship of St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough, on his removal in May last, from the Diocess. He did not long survive his removal. He died in London, on the 13th of July, 1819; venerable in years; and closed in peace his long life of yet unwearied labour in the vineyard of Christ. The Church has been called to mingle her griefs, with those also of the relatives and friends of another of her ministers. The Rev. Mr. Frost, late Assistant Minister of St. Philip's Church, has been deservedly wept, for he was deservedly valued, for his purity, piety, active devotion to his calling, his industry in the acquisition of knowledge, and his ardent enterprize for the extension of his usefulness.

Let the memory of our pious Brethren be affectionately cherished; and let the dispensation, which has taken them from us, be *our* admonition to "work the work of him that has sent us, while it is day."

The Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina, has, during the year past, afforded important aid to the Church in this Diocess. Its Board of Trustees authorized the employment of the Rev. Mr. Delavaux, the Rev. Mr. Campbell, and the Rev. Mr. Chanler, as Missionaries, in a manner which led to the useful establishment

of them all, in stated parochial service. The same body have more recently engaged the services of the Rev. Mr. Fowler, in a temporary mission to Chatham, in Chesterfield District ; whither he had gone before on a short missionary excursion, the expenses of which were provided for, by the Charleston Protestant Episcopal Missionary Society, composed of young men and others, with a view to ascertain the present condition of a people, who before the revolutionary war, were organized and incorporated as a Parish of the Protestant Episcopal Church, by the name of St. David's Parish. The Society has in other respects, according to the provisions of its Constitution, endeavoured in the year past, to advance the interest of Christianity in the Church, within which it has been erected ; and with which it is inseparably identified.— I beg leave to refer you for particulars, to the Annual Report of the Trustees, printed for distribution, among the Members of the Society.

In conformity with the resolutions passed by the last Convention, some progress has been made in forming Sunday Schools in this city and elsewhere. The one in this city which had been committed to the superintendence of the Rev. Mr. Fowler, was an occasion of good, I trust to many, particularly to the People of Colour, whom he encouraged to attend it. Much, however, of this important kind of charity, remains, with the Divine Blessing, to be done. In most places of the Diocess, circumstances have not yet been found to afford encouragement to the formation of these interesting institutions. I cannot, however, forbear to mention, as, in some manner, connected with this subject, a Sunday Catechetical Lecture, for the People of Colour, most usefully held by the Rector of St. John's, Berkley, at the Churches of his Parish, after the Morning Service of every Sunday. The example of his prudent and judicious zeal in this matter, claims the attention of his Brethren generally ; and we shall, I trust, before our separation at the close of this anniversary meeting, make it the subject of inquiry, with a view to collect from it, some useful intimations.

Permit me now, my Brethren, in concluding, to congratulate you, on the progressive improvement, of which, in a review of its affairs for the past year, there is evidence, of the state of our Church in this Diocess. There is a larger number of Ministers usefully employed in it, than at any other period since the revolution. Its Laity evince a disposition to maintain its offices respectably, and to profit by the services of a pious and faithful Ministry. They will not, I trust, deem it unsuitable to my province, that I should exhort them to cherish such a disposition ; and to keep in mind, that while their Ministers have great and arduous responsibilities to discharge ; it is incumbent on them, in order to their useful and efficacious discharge of them, to strengthen their hands, by their utmost aid and countenance, in every good work and purpose ; and to lighten their burden of personal and domestic solicitude, by kindly meeting, with a uniform punctuality, their reasonable and authorized expectation of a competent provision for the maintenance of themselves and families.

My Brethren of the Clergy, will, at the same time, permit me, while I mingle my feelings in thankful gratulation with theirs, on the present condition of the Church, respectfully to remind them, that it is through their instrumentality chiefly, that we must look

for the continued progress of its improvement. Let us, Brethren, hold fast the form of sound words, once delivered to the Saints. Let us strive and pray, that we may be in all things faithful to the vows which are upon us. Let the unity of the Church, of which we are Ministers, as to its sound, and scriptural doctrine, its primitive, and at once rational and spiritual worship, and its wise and wholesome discipline, be the sacred object of our cares. At present there is a happy degree of harmony pervading our Institutions. Let us labour, by all forbearance, gentleness, humility and brotherly kindness—that it may be more perfect—and that none who may be of the contrary part, may have reason to hope for advantage against us, from our disunion, or from our faithlessness in any respect, to our sacred obligations.

I cannot close this address, without requesting the indulgence of my Clerical Brethren, while I earnestly recommend a seemingly unimportant matter to their particular attention. It is, that they bear in mind themselves, and induce to the utmost, that they can, their congregations to know and bear in mind, the requisitions of the Constitutions and Canons of the Church generally. I need not remind them, that the Order of the Church, in the Diocese, essentially depends on this: and they will suffer me to suggest, that while I hope, so long as God shall enable me to bear it *at all*, to bear with *cheerfulness*, whatever of trouble, may of necessity attach to my office, they may thus prevent much that may unnecessarily be added to it.

I will detain you no longer from the business of this Convention.—Pursuing it with a faithful regard to the glory of God, in the honour and welfare of his Church; may his blessing rest on your proceedings.

NATHANIEL BOWEN.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the Address of the Bishop, be read in the different Churches, for information.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until to-morrow.

Wednesday, February 16, 1820.

The Convention met agreeably to adjournment. Morning Service was performed by the Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, Rector of St. John's, Berkley; the Communion Service, by the Rev. John B. Campbell, Rector of St. Helena, Beaufort, and a Sermon, suitable to the season, (Ash Wednesday) was preached by the Rev. Henry Anthon, of the Diocese of New-York.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D. Rector of St. Philip's; the Rev. John W. Chanler, Deacon, officiating in Upper and Lower St. Mark's, and the Rev. Edward Rutledge, Deacon, officiating in St. Thomas and St. Dennis, appeared and took their seats.

The following gentlemen attended, and presented certificates of their appointment as Lay-Delegates, which were severally read and approved: William Mason Smith, from St. Bartholomew's; Isaac Fripp, and Col. John Jenkins, from St. Helena Island; Col. Henry H. Bacot, and Thomas Corbet, from St. Philip's; Dr. William Read, from St. Michael's; and Lewis L. Gibbes, from Grace Church, Sullivan's Island.

The Rev. Mr. Hanckell from the Committee appointed to inquire whether any, and what alterations are necessary in the Rules for the government of the Convention, made the following Report :

“ That in conformity with ecclesiastical usage, the word *Canon*, be substituted for the word *Rule*, wherever it occurs in the present Rules.

“ A new Rule to be added after Rule 3d. Clergymen exercising the office of Missionary in this Diocese, under appointment of the Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina, shall be considered members of the Convention; although not statedly officiating as Rectors of any particular Parish: but the right of voting shall not appertain to such Missionaries.

“ To add to the 6th Rule, after the word *Canons*, in the 5th line, the following : “ who, together with the Secretary of the Convention, shall continue in office the term for which they were chosen, and until a new election shall take place.”

“ To strike out the 10th Rule, and substitute the following in its place : “ Wilful errors in religion, or deviation from the rubrics of the Church; charges of viciousness of life, and disorderly behaviour, may be exhibited against a Clergyman of this Diocese, to the Bishop; and if there be no Bishop, to the Standing Committee; by the Convention, by the Vestry of the Parish to which such Clergyman belongs, or by two or more Presbyters of the Church. And on such presentment, it shall be the duty of the Bishop, or of the Standing Committee, to nominate eight Presbyters, out of whom the person accused shall choose five; or if he neglect or refuse to do this, the Bishop or Standing Committee, shall appoint five, who shall constitute a Board for trying the accused person. The Bishop, or Standing Committee, shall appoint the time and place of trial; of both which, at least a month's notice shall be given to the party accused; and should he neglect or refuse to attend, the trial shall proceed. The Board, thus constituted, or any three of them, shall examine fully the charges alleged, and keep a minute and accurate record of the testimony of witnesses, and of every question and proceeding which comes before them. On clear and sufficient proof of the charges, by *viva voce* evidence, on oath duly administered before them, or by a commission to take such evidence duly executed, the Board, or a majority thereof, having come to a decision thereupon, shall communicate this decision to the Bishop, or Standing Committee; and also, in case they have found the accused person guilty, the sentence which in their opinion should be pronounced. A certified copy of the record of their proceedings shall be laid before the Bishop, or Standing Committee, and his or their judgement in the case shall be final.— Every sentence which amounts to suspension, or degradation, shall be communicated to the Vestry, or Congregation of the Church in which such guilty person officiates at the time; and information of the same shall also be given to the House of Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America; that such Clergyman is an improper person to officiate in the Sacred Order of Priest or Deacon, in any Protestant Episcopal Church.

“ That the 17th Rule or Canon be so altered as to read as follows :—
None of the foregoing Canons shall be altered, nor shall any new

non be adopted, unless the alterations, or new Canon or Canons be proposed at one Convention, and be concurred in by two-thirds of the Churches present in a subsequent one; seven at least, of the Churches of the Diocese, by their Delegates, being present."

On motion, *Resolved*, that the consideration of this Report be postponed to the next Annual Convention.

On motion of the Hon. Judge Huger, *Resolved*, that the Witnesses who are supposed to be able to prove the Charges against the Rev. Mr. Muller, be requested to attend this Convention to-morrow morning, at half past 10 o'clock; and that this Resolution be communicated to Mr. Muller by the Secretary.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the Rev. Mr. Muller be permitted to have counsel in his behalf, to assist him in the investigation and defence of certain charges brought against him before this Convention, by the Vestry and Wardens of Grace Church, Sullivan's Island.

On motion, *Resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to prepare Rules for conducting the investigation of the charges against the Rev. Mr. Muller.

Whereupon, the President appointed Mr. Brisbane, Mr. Lance, and Col. Huger.

Mr. Turnbull, from a committee of the Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina, made the following Report; which was read and accepted:

"The Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina, beg leave to lay before the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, the following statements of their Treasurer:

"1st. A General Statement of the Bishop's *permanent* fund established in February, 1818, and the manner in which it has been invested, leaving a balance in hand of \$165 12.

"2d. A General Statement of the Bishop's *common* fund, from the 9th February, 1819, to 15th February, 1820, amounting to \$541 30.

"The book containing the Account of the Trustees, for the above-mentioned funds, is laid upon the table for the inspection of the Members of the Convention.

"On behalf, and by order of the Trustees.

" CHARLES KERSHAW,	} Committee.
" THOMAS W. BACOT,	
" ROBERT J. TURNBULL,	

" *Charleston, 15th Feb. 1820.*"

On application, leave of absence was granted to the Rev. Mr. Hancell, for the remainder of the Session.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

Thursday, February 17, 1820.

The Convention met agreeably to adjournment, and Prayers were read by the Rev. John B. Campbell, Rector of St. Helena, Beaufort.

The Journals of yesterday were read.

The Rev. Allston Gibbes, Assistant Minister of St. Philip's Church, appeared and took his seat.

The Rev. Mr. Tschudy, late Secretary and Treasurer, laid the following Report before the Convention :

"The late Secretary and Treasurer begs leave to report to the Convention, that since the last meeting, he has received the following voluntary contributions :

From Protestant Episcopal Church on Edisto Island,	\$20 00
And St. James', Goose Creek, - - - - -	20 00
And from the Treasurer's last report, it will appear, that there was then in his hands, the sum of - - -	96 00
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Amount,	\$136 00
Out of this sum, your Treasurer paid Mr. Hoff, for printing the Journals of the last year,	\$69 00
And for 50 copies extra. of statements, &c.	5 00
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Balance,	\$62 00

"The late Secretary and Treasurer, begs leave to embrace this opportunity, to thank the Convention for having accepted of his resignation, and for the vote of approbation they passed upon his official conduct on Tuesday last. It affords him great satisfaction to find, that what he performed conscientiously, should be approved by a body of men he so highly respects.

JOHN JACOB TSCHUDY,
Late Secretary and Treasurer."

The Report being read, was unanimously accepted.

The following Parochial Reports, required by the 45th Canon of the General Convention, and by the 11th Rule of the Convention of this Diocess, were presented by the Clergy and read :

St. Michael's Church, Charleston.

The Right. Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D. Rector.

The Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D. Assistant Minister.

Marriages 19 ; Baptisms 56 ; Burials 27.

Communicants 350 Whites, and 130 Persons of Colour. Total, 480. The changes that have taken place, leave the number about the same as last year. The Sunday School connected with this Church, contains about 60 children.

St. Philip's Church, Charleston.

The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D. Rector.

The Rev. Allston Gibbes, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms, 99 Infants, and 10 Adults.—Total, 109. Marriages 27 ; Burials 81.

Communicants, about 330 Whites, and 185 Persons of Colour. Total 515 ; about 15 more than were reported last year.

In conformity to a Resolution adopted by the last Convention, which requires the Clergy to state the progress of the Sunday Schools in their Annual Reports, the Rector of St. Philip's reports, that the Sunday School which was established by this Congregation, in connexion with the other Episcopal Congregations of the city, has been recently dissolved, in consequence of the removal of the principal teacher, the Rev. Andrew Fowler; but that it is contemplated, as soon as circumstances will permit, to establish a Sunday School in this Church.

St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough.

The Rev. Robert S. Symmes, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms, 25; Marriages 10; Burials 8.

Communicants 87.

A Sunday School has been instituted at this Church, and is conducted by Mr. E. Thayer, jun. under the direction of the Charleston Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Society. It consists of about 60 Children.

St. Helena, Beaufort.

The Rev. John B. Campbell, Rector.

Marriages 2; Baptisms 5; Burials 12.

Communicants, 3 added in the last year, one of whom has since died.

A Sunday School has been established, which, under the Divine Blessing, promises success.

Prince George, Winyaw.

The Rev. Maurice H. Lance, Rector.

Baptisms 13; Marriages 7; Burials 12.

Communicants, 61 Whites, and 6 Blacks. Total 67.

St. John's, Berkley.

The Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, Rector.

Baptisms, 2 Whites, 10 Blacks, and 11 Black Adults. Total 23.

Marriages 2. Burials 7.

Communicants, 45 Whites, and 12 People of Colour. Four were added last year, and four have died.

The following Report was made by the Rector of St. John's, Berkley, to the Bishop.

"With respect to the religious instruction of the People of Colour, I am happy to say that, hitherto the experiment has been attended with success. The increase of baptisms has arisen from that source; and, though some persons might suppose that more ought to have been baptised within the last twelve months, yet that the increase has not been greater, is only a proof of my not admitting them lightly to church membership. It will be a source of much satisfaction to you likewise, to learn that several of the baptised People of Colour have been anxious to make

their children partakers of the same privileges. And it affords me great pleasure to add, that gentlemen have told me, that, in consequence of some of their slaves being instructed by me at Church, they have perceived a change for the better, not only among them, but also among the other Negroes on their plantations.

“ Whilst there is thus much, therefore, to encourage me in these arduous labours, a great deal yet remains to be done; and I most earnestly bespeak your prayers for a blessing on my endeavour, that the door may be kept open for effectual good to such a large portion of the inhabitants of my Parish. A very grateful circumstance occurred the other day: on a single plantation sixty-one came forward at once to be enrolled for instruction; among whom were men with their wives and adult children. Thus some become examples and incitements to others; and I have very little doubt, that, with the blessing of God, after a few years the greater part of the slaves in lower St. John's, will become sincere Christians, and a comfort and satisfaction to their owners.”

St. John's, Colleton.

The Rev. William S. Wilson, Deacon.

Baptisms 5; Marriages 2.

Communicants, 12 Whites and three Blacks.

St. Helena Church, St. Helena Island.

The Rev. Philip Mathews, Rector.

Baptisms 3; Marriages 2; Burials 7.

Communicants, 14. One died and two have been added.

St. Luke's.

The Rev. Philip Mathews, Visitor.

Marriages 1.

St. Bartholomew's.

The Rev. P. Mathews, and Rev. D. I. Campbell, Visitors.

Baptisms 1; Marriages 1.

Trinity Church, Columbia.

The Rev. Christian Hanckell, Rector.

Baptisms, 16 Children, and 2 Adults.—Total 18. Marriages 3; Burials 2.

Communicants, 26.

The Sunday School in this Church, in its progress and effects, has far exceeded our most sanguine expectations. Since its first establishment in April last, upwards of 140 scholars have been admitted, of whom about 90 have been regular attendants. The School for the religious instruction of the Blacks, has been necessarily suspended.

When in operation, there were about 60 pupils in that department. We have no doubt, that this School will again be resumed, and with the blessing of God on the pious exertions of its teachers, be prosecuted with more success in future.

Claremont.

The Rev. Parker Adams, Rector.
Baptisms 9 ; Marriages 2 ; Burials 2.
Communicants, 34 Whites, and 7 Blacks. Total 41.
Families 24.

St. Matthew's.

The Rev. Francis P. Delavaux, Rector.
Marriages 2 ; Burials 2.
Communicants 21.

St. Stephens, Black Oak and the Rocks.

The Rev. David I. Campbell, Deacon.
Baptisms 10 ; Marriages 4 ; Burials 13.

All-Saints, Waccamaw.

The Rev. Henry Gibbes, Deacon.
Baptisms 2 ; Marriages 2 ; Burials 3.
Communicants, 21 Whites and 15 Blacks.

Christ Church.

The Rev. Albert A. Muller, Rector.
Baptisms 3 ; Marriages 1.
Communicants, 12 Whites and 20 Blacks.

Grace Church, Sullivan's Island.

The Rev. Albert A. Muller, Minister.
Baptisms, 4 ; Marriages, 2 ; Burials, 2.
Communicants, 30.

Mr. Brisbane, from the Committee appointed to prepare Rules for conducting the investigation of the Charges against the Rev. Mr. Muller, made the following Report :

“ The Committee appointed to draft Rules for regulating the mode of proceeding in the case of the Rev. Mr. Muller, recommend the observance of the following, for that purpose :

“ Rule 1st. That no person be admitted to be present, unless introduced by a Member of the Convention.

“ Rule 2d. That the 10th Rule for the Government of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of South-Carolina, be read.

"Rule 3d. That the charges preferred against the Rev. Mr. Muller, be severally read, and he be required to answer to each by his denial or assent.

"Rule 4th. The persons presenting the charges, shall, first in order, next the Rev. Mr. Muller, and afterwards, any Member of the Convention, have the privilege of questioning the Witnesses, under the direction of the Convention.

"Rule 5th. The Secretary of the Convention shall record the Proceedings, and the evidence exhibited.

"Rule 6th. After the investigation of the charge or charges, the Rev. Mr. Muller shall have liberty to offer such observations as he may think proper.

"Rule 7th. Should Mr. Muller not appear, the Convention shall proceed, notwithstanding, to the investigation of the truth of the charges.

"Rule 8th. After the examination of the evidence, and the observations of Mr. Muller, (should he make any) he, and all persons not members of the Convention, shall withdraw; and the Convention shall then proceed to deliberate on the business, and pronounce judgement."

On motion, to strike out the first Rule, the vote was taken by Churches, and carried.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the investigation of the charges against the Rev. Mr. Muller, be postponed until to-morrow, at half past 10 o'clock, and that the Witnesses be requested to attend at that hour.

The Rev. Paul T. Gervais, presented the Certificate of his appointment as a Delegate from St. John's, Colleton; which being read and approved, he took his seat accordingly.

The Rev. Dr. Gadsden, after some prefatory remarks, read a Memorial on the subject of the Theological Seminary, instituted by the General Convention. Whereupon it was *Resolved*, that the Memorial be signed in the name of the Convention, by the President, be countersigned by the Secretary, and presented to the next General Convention: And that the Delegates to that Convention be respectfully requested, to use their endeavours to have its object accomplished.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the President do appoint Delegates to represent this Convention, in the next General Convention: Whereupon, the President made the following appointment:

The Rev. John J. Tschudy,	Col. Lewis Morris,
The Rev. John B. Campbell,	William Heyward,
The Rev. Andrew Fowler,	Major Andrew Hasell,
The Rev. Maurice H. Lance,	Colin Campbell.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the next Annual Meeting of this Convention, be held on the second *Wednesday* in February next.

The Rev. Dr. Gadsden, from the Standing Committee of the Diocess, made the following Report:

"The Standing Committee would respectfully recommend to the Convention, on a subject committed to them at their last Session, that the two Parishes in the city be required to contribute twenty dollars, and each Parish in the country five dollars annually, towards defraying the expenses of the Convention; and that the Secretary, in issuing his summonses to the different Delegates, do inform them of this Resolu-

tion ; and that at each Convention, the Treasurer do apply to the Delegates of each Church, for their contributions."

On motion, *Resolved Unanimously*, that the word *extra*, in the last line of the 5th Rule, be expunged, and the word *stated* be substituted in its place.

The Rev. Mr. Gervais, Secretary of the Standing Committee, read the proceedings of that body for the last year ; which, on motion, were confirmed, and the thanks of the Convention presented to the Standing Committee, for their indefatigable attention to the duties of their appointment.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the President do appoint the Standing Committee. Whereupon, the President informed the Convention, that he would make the appointment to-morrow.

The Convention adjourned, until to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

Friday, February 18, 1820.

The Convention met agreeably to adjournment, and Prayers were read by the Right Rev. Bishop Bowen.

The Journals of yesterday were read.

The Rev. Albert A. Muller, Rector of Christ Church Parish, appeared and took his seat.

The following Lay-Delegates presented Certificates of their appointment, which, being severally read and approved, they took their seats accordingly : the Hon. Judge Gaillard, from Trinity Church, Columbia ; Col. Thomas Carr, from Prince George, Winyaw ; and Major Elnathan Haskell, from St. Matthew's.

The Convention, according to the Order of the Day, proceeded to the investigation of the charges against the Rev. Mr. Muller. Major Crafts appeared as his Counsel. The Charges being read, were both denied by Mr. Muller. The examination of some of the Witnesses then commenced, and having continued for several hours, the Convention adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

Saturday, February 19, 1820.

The Convention met according to adjournment, and Prayers were read by the Rev. Edward Rutledge, of St. Thomas and St. Dennis.

The President, in conformity with the Resolution of last Thursday, made the following appointment of the Standing Committee :

The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D.	David Alexander,
The Rev. Paul T. Gervais,	Joseph Johnson, M.D.
The Rev. John J. Tschudy,	William Brisbane,
The Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D.	Keating Simons.

The following Resolutions were submitted to the Convention, which, on motion, were ordered to lie on the table :

1. That the Standing Committee be requested to obtain from the Collectors for the Bishop's Fund, the several sums they may have collected, and also the names of the persons who may have subscribed, whether they have paid their contributions or not, and that they transmit the same, as received, to the Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund.

2. That the Standing Committee be requested to endeavour to procure one or more persons, to make collections for the Bishop's Perma-

ment Fund, in the different Parishes, between this and the next Convention; and that the said Collectors be allowed such compensation as to the Committee may appear proper.

3. That the Members of our Church generally through this Diocese, be respectfully requested to contribute one dollar annually for ten years, which shall be added to the Bishop's Permanent Fund, and be collected as the Standing Committee may consider most expedient.

The Convention then proceeded to the investigation of the charges against the Rev. Mr. Muller. The examination of Witnesses was continued, and, being finished, the Rev. Mr. Muller was heard by his Counsel. The parties then withdrew, and the Convention, after serious deliberation, proceeded to deliver their opinion.

The first Charge was then read as follows: "That on Sullivan's Island, when an officiating Minister of this Church, in the summer of 1818, or at some other time within the last three years, he, Mr. Muller, had violated the Seventh Commandment."

The vote being taken by Churches, according to the 8th Rule, Mr. Muller was unanimously declared Not Guilty of the first Charge.

The second Charge was then read as follows: "That at sundry times, he, Mr. Muller, had been guilty of uttering that which he knew at the time to be false."

The vote being taken as before, Mr. Muller was unanimously declared Not Guilty of the second Charge.

The President was requested to communicate to Mr. Muller, the decision of the Convention.

The following Resolution was submitted by Col. Carr: That no part of the amount already subscribed, or hereafter to be subscribed to the Bishop's Permanent Fund, nor any part of the interest thereon, be applied to any purposes whatsoever, until the annual interest thereof, amount to four thousand dollars.

A motion being made to adjourn, the Convention adjourned accordingly, until Monday, 10 o'clock.

Monday, February 21, 1820

The Convention met agreeably to adjournment, and Prayers were read by the Rev. Dr. Dalcho, of St. Michael's.

The Rev. Francis P. Delavaux, Rector of St. Matthew's, appeared and took his seat.

The following Lay-Delegates presented Certificates of their appointment, which being read and approved, they took their seats accordingly: William Hort, from Christ Church Parish, and William C. Doughty, from Lower St. Mark's.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the President do appoint two Clergymen to preach at the next Convention, one to officiate in case of the other's failure. Whereupon, the President appointed the Rev. Albert A. Muller, and the Rev. Allston Gibbs.

The Rev. Dr. Gadsden called up the Resolutions submitted by him on Saturday. The first Resolution was read, as follows: That the Standing Committee be requested to obtain from the Collectors for the Bishop's Fund, the several sums they may have collected, and also the

names of the persons who may have subscribed, whether they have paid their contributions or not, and that they transmit the same, as received, to the Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund.

The question being taken on this Resolution, it was carried.

The 2d and 3d Resolutions were withdrawn.

Col. Carr called up the Resolution submitted by him on Saturday; when the question being taken, it was negatived.

On motion of the Hon. Judge Gaillard, *Resolved*, That a Subscription be opened, under the direction of the Standing Committee, for the increase of the Bishop's Permanent Fund, in order to meet, what is represented to be, the wishes of many persons disposed to increase by their contributions, this Fund; which Subscriptions shall be considered as solely applicable to the accumulation of the Fund; and no part of the interest thereof shall be applied to the support of a Bishop, until the interest of this fund, with that already subscribed, shall amount to four thousand dollars, when the Bishop shall cease to be the Rector of a particular Church.

On motion of Mr. K. Simons, *Resolved*, that the Vestries of the several Churches in this Diocess, be respectfully requested to recommend to their constituents, to aid the raising of the Bishop's Fund, by paying one half per cent. annually upon their income, until the said fund is sufficient to produce the annual amount of four thousand dollars, as contemplated by the Resolution of this Convention in 1818; and that credit be given to those who have already subscribed, for the amount of their subscriptions.

On motion of Col. Carr, *Resolved*, that such Persons as have been employed, or may hereafter be employed to collect subscriptions to the Bishop's Permanent Fund, be notified by the Secretary of the Convention, that they may collect subscriptions to that fund, neither the principal or interest of which, shall be used for any purpose whatsoever, until the Bishop's Permanent Fund, yield an interest of four thousand dollars.

On motion, the thanks of the Convention were presented to the President and Secretary, for their respective services.

On motion, *Resolved*, that 300 copies of the Journals be printed.

After Prayers, and the Episcopal Benediction, the Convention adjourned.

NATHANIEL BOWEN,
President.

(Attested)
FREDERICK DALCHO,
Secretary.